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SUBJ: ROSSO FERRY

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1. RFFPO CONTACTING FIRMS, WE HOPE, WILL SHOW INTEREST ASSISTING AND PERFORMING REQUESTED ROSSO FERRY SURVEY. WILL ADVISE ASAP.

2. WITH REF PARA 2 REFTTEL B, FYI RFFPO HAD RECENT MEETING WITH DR ERNEST BLECKMANN, GERMAN CONSEILLER TECHNIQUE DU PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE AND WAS INFORMED THAT THE NEW ROSSO FERRY IS ABOUT TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN GERMANY HOWEVER, DUE TO NON-PAYMENT OF PAST INTEREST ON OTHER LOANS, THE 5 MILLION DM LOAN FROM FRG HAS NOT, AS YET, BEEN SIGNED. HE EXPECTED, HOWEVER, PROBLEM WOULD BE G SOLVED SHORTLY AND GIRM/FRG WOULD SIGN LOAN AGREEMENT. IN ADDITION HE INFORMED THAT LOAN WAS FOR 30 YEARS, 10 YEARS GRACE PERIOD, AND THEN 2PERCENT PER ANNUM. DR BLECKMANN ALSO ADVISED THAT THE LOAN WAS DIVIDED INTO THREE PHASES:

A. THE BUILDING OF THE EXIT AND ENTRANCE RAMPS, WHICH HE HOPED WOULD START AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER SIGNING THE LOAN AGREEMENT, SINCE THE FERRY WILL REQUIRE SPECIAL TYPE RAMPS. ONE CONSTRUCTION BID THEY RECENTLY RECEIVED FOR

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THIS WORK WAS COMPLETELY BEYOND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION.

B. THE ARRIVAL AND INAUGURATION OF THE FERRY.

C. THE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM OF THE NEW FERRY.

3.RFFPO FEELS WE MUST COLLABORATE CLOSELY WITH OFFICIALS
RESPONSIBLE FOR BUILDING NEW EXIT/ENTRANCE RAMPS TO AVOID
SPENDING MONEY ON OLD RAMPS AND HAVE THEM COMPLETELY
DESTROYED OR REPLACED FOR NEW FERRY.
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